

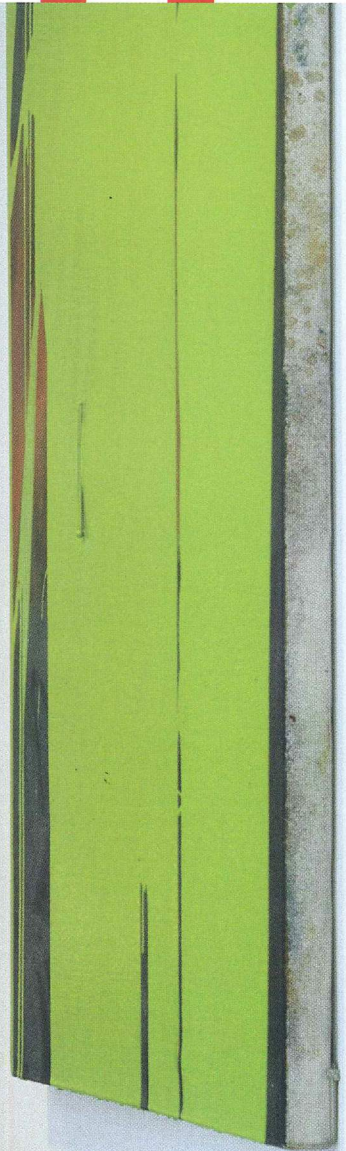
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AFTER BUYING A CONDOMINIUM AND PURCHASING
MODERN FURNISHINGS, DESIGNER SANTIAGO BERNAL'S
CLIENT HAD A CHANGE OF HEART AND BOUGHT A
1940S WATERFRONT HOME

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On the patio, a medallion of semi-precious stones
centers the casual table and chairs from Brown
Jordan, while the colorful mosaic tiles that line
the pool are set to resemble an artist's canvas.



South Florida's sun and sand ... what a perfect setting in the tropics. That's just what one South American entertainer thought after reading an article in *Florida Design* that featured designer Santiago Bernal's South Beach residence. And so, he wanted Bernal to furnish his newly purchased condominium in Miami.

"I finished all the designs and my client and I flew to Milan to buy furniture," Bernal says. Then a twist neither Bernal nor his client had anticipated. "Shortly after returning home, I received a phone call. My client sold the condominium and bought a house instead. But the moment I saw this Addison Mizner-inspired home built on the waterfront in the 1940s, I understood."

Bernal went back to the drawing board to accommodate the change in plans for this two-story, 8,500-square-foot residence in Miami Beach that was nearly four times larger than the condominium. What could have become a daunting challenge became a successful marriage of furnishings and architecture. "The

counterpoint of blending the purchased contemporary furnishings with the home's classical architecture worked beautifully," the designer says. "I kept the furniture colors low key to enhance the beauty of the architectural details and take advantage of the natural light of the surrounding area," Bernal says.

To update the patio and pool area, Jerusalem stone was added to the flooring as well as teak-wood trellises to the eight stone columns that were already in place. Cast aluminum and solid teak furnishings with Sunbrella upholstery sit ready.

RIGHT: A corner of the media room invites quite repose with white lounges and "Metropolitan" relax armchairs. Here, Colombian artist Luis F. Valez's aluminum sculpted face sits poised.

ABOVE: Roche Bobois suede sofas and tangerine covered chairs from B&B Italia surround a custom-designed dark chocolate "Chunky" table crafted of wenge wood in the living room.





Bernal designed a dark chocolate "Chunky" table to sit between the suede sofas in the living room, where three hand-painted botanical watercolors from the 1900s are displayed on off-white walls. Above the fireplace, "Barracuda School," an aqua-blue oil by Juan Raul Hoyos provides an artistic focal point.

Just inside wrought iron gates lies the music room, where the homeowner spends much of his time at the piano, strumming a guitar or playing a medley of other instruments. And behind nearby white doors, the media room offers a place for quiet repose in a sitting area that overlooks the pool and patio through five colonnaded doorways. Bernal added a wood veneer to the metal archways that were original to the home.

ABOVE: Wrought iron gates open into the dining room fashioned with a striped silk drapery from the Kravet Couture Collection. One of four yellow floor lamps gives a nod to the modern ambiance. A warm tangerine wraps the walls of the dining room, right, where a counter-height Brueton table of Brazilian Ipe wood accommodates social gatherings of up to 12. The trio of Maxalto cabinets lining the wall holds bar equipment.



Designer Santiago Bernal blends social and cooking spaces into one single streamlined room. Stainless-steel appliances and cabinetry preserve the sleek style in the kitchen, while black granite countertops from Keys Granite provide a solid work surface.



BELOW: "The stainless-steel banquette and chrome stools in the dinette give me the feeling of riding on a train," Bernal says. Fashioned without cushions, the cherry-wood bench adds to the streamlined ambiance.



Wrought iron doors announce the dining room, as well. Here, wood flooring flows without distraction in perfect complement to the Brueton table and chairs, and cabinets from Maxalto.

Wood accents carry through to an oversized kitchen styled in stainless steel. With two of everything — double ovens, double dishwashers, warmers and coffee machines — the homeowner enjoys cooking for large social parties, while an adjoining butler's pantry and dinette serves his smaller, more intimate gatherings.

Upstairs, touches of black set a masculine tone in the master bedroom with a contemporary bed and a Giorgetti writing table and leather chair. "We restored all the wood carvings on doors, moldings and ceiling, and brought them back to their original design," Bernal says.

A change of heart pumps a breath of fresh air into this 1940s classic. "Well-designed furniture will stand by itself and will work anywhere," Bernal says. "Good contemporary design mixed with strong architectural bones, well-restored pieces and a classic ambiance brought a piece of history to life."

Muted colors exude a masculine tone in the master bedroom, where the bed dressed in Ralph Lauren linens rests beneath an underwater triptych by Andreina Carvajal.



SOURCES

PATIO AND POOL AREA

Dining table, dining chairs, sofa, armchairs and occasional table - Brown Jordan, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Deck flooring - Iberia Tiles, Miami, FL

LIVING ROOM

Sofas - Roche Bobois, Coral Gables, FL

Chairs - B&B Italia, Milano, Italy

Accent pillows - Details At Home, Miami Beach, FL

Cocktail table and occasional tables - Custom designed by Concepto Uno, Miami Beach, FL

Fabricated by Fabrimuvel, Bogota, Colombia

Botanical watercolors above sofa - Owner's Collection

Artwork above fireplace - Alejandra Von Hartz Gallery, Miami, FL

Flooring - Iberia Tiles, Miami, FL

MEDIA ROOM VIGNETTE

Chair and ottoman - B&B Italia, Milan, Italy

Occasional table - Owner's Collection

Aluminum bust on occasional table - Luis F. Velez, Miami, FL

Draper fabric - Kravet Fabrics, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Flooring - EnduraColor Hardwood Flooring, Inc., Dania Beach, FL

DINING ROOM

Dining table and chairs - Brueton Industries, New York, NY

Chair and drapery fabric - Kravet Fabrics, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Cabinets - Maxalto Collection, B&B Italia, Milano, Italy

Yellow floor lamp - Details At Home, Miami Beach, FL

Dinnerware and stemware - Bloomingdales, Aventura, FL

Artwork - Alejandra Von Hartz Gallery, Miami, FL

Flooring - EnduraColor Hardwood Flooring, Inc., Dania Beach, FL

KITCHEN

Black countertops - Keys Granite, Miami, FL

Granite flooring and fabrication of countertops - Lapizlazuli International, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL

Cooktop, hood and double oven - Florida Builder

Appliances, Miami, FL

Fan - Farrey's Lighting & Bath, North Miami, FL

DINETTE

Banquette and cherry-wood wall paneling - Custom designed by Concepto Uno, Miami Beach, FL

Stools and clock - Details At Home, Miami Beach, FL

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MASTER BEDROOM

Bed and bedside table - Custom designed by Concepto Uno, Miami Beach, FL

Bed linens - Ralph Lauren, Bloomingdales, Aventura, FL

Desk and chair - Giorgetti, Milan, Italy

Table lamp - Details At Home, Miami Beach, FL

Wall sconce - El Rastro Flea Market, Madrid, Spain

Draper fabric - Kravet Fabrics, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL

Triptych photograph above bed - Frame of Mind, Miami Beach, FL

Carpet - Judy's Loft, Miami, FL

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Area rug - Jalil's Oriental Rugs, DCOTA, Dania Beach, FL **M**